

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:  
KILGER et al

Group Art Unit: 1637

Application No.: To Be Assigned

Examiner: Horlick, Kenneth R.

Filed: December 10, 2003

Attorney Dkt. No.: 101614-00020

For: METHOD FOR THE UNCOUPLED, DIRECT, EXPONENTIAL  
AMPLIFICATION AND SEQUENCING OF DNA MOLECULES WITH  
THE ADDITION OF A SECOND THERMOSTABLE DNA POLYMERASE  
AND ITS APPLICATION

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
Sir:

Date: December 10, 2003

Prior to initial examination of the application, please amend the above-identified  
application as follows: